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CONGRESS PROD

Petty Squabbling Halted, but Soon Began Again .

MAYOR'S \$119,000,000 **NEARLY DEATHBLOW**

Efforts to Get Publicity Lagged After Moore's Man Was Squelched

STOTESBURY AND VAUCLAIN HAVE LED "ANTI" FORCES

Chamber of Commerce, Elks and Others Have Fought Hard for Prestige of City

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN What is actually the matter

with the Sesqui-Centennial? Is it in a moribund condition or is it only lagging like a poorly rid-den horse in the quarter stretch? What are the evident causes which have contributed to the existing unseasonable inertia?

Who is responsible? What, if anything, can be done? OR:

Must Philadelphia become the laughing stock of the country? After advertising her proposed enterprise and appealing to Congress for recognition, must she confess her inability to live up to her promises and her reputation? Shall the sneering vaudeville appellation "sleepy Philadelphia" become a reality?

In my article of yesterday I winted out what had not been done toward preparations for this celebration in 1926.

The story, briefly, of the events eading up through initial activity and then inertia to the present is here told.

It is over two years since the idea

150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was proposed in this city.

There was no particular public excitement evinced over the suggestion at the start. As the idea sank gradually into the minds of the people, though, it was received with greater favor and was finally regarded as the proper things.

regarded as the proper thing The newspapers of the city and o

the State, without exception, gave the suggestion a cordial and ungrudging Once the idea of a celebration, exposition, world's fair or whatever it might be called had been accepted the

Whether it was to prepare the way.

Whether it was to be a surpassing inernational exposition, depicting the last fifty years' progress of this and all the other countries of the civilized world in the arts, manufactures and or whether it was to be confined strictly to the United States, was a question to be decided later.
In any event, Philadelphia, self-

event, must take the initial steps to lay the foundations for what was to come sterwards. Expressions of opinion from pub-

eading manufacturers and dis inguished business men were favorable to the proposition.

Mayor Moore, in a public meeting,

was directed to appoint a committee of 100 citizens to arrange for a prelimi-The committee was named. It was ed of prominent citizens of bot

exes without regard to political affilias became so great an enterprise It was two years ago on the 1st of ovember that Mayor Moore called this meeting of leading citizens to discuss the project.
Out of it grew the Sesqui-Centennial ssociation, with a board of

wenty-five directors and Mayor Moore

Blunders and Jealousy

The two years that have elapsed since then have been marked as indicated reterday by inexcusable blunders. carelessness, indifference, petty icalcarelessness, indifference, petty jenlnen who should have been above such cress and vulgar meanness. Everybody seems to have been rubbing the fur on everybody else the

Young way. Yet such an outcome was not a matter of surprise. The Mayor was at outs

the City Council, and Council, natu- however, the end of the dry weather is was out to defeat the Mayor and at hand. The frost, which conted trees To the blunder of appointing a numthe drought

ber of elderly directors for most active work, instead of red-blooded, virile. young men, was the added blunprovoking personal antagonism

among the members.

Meantime, with the seeming idea that
the had all eternity in which to arrange

to had all eternity in which to arrange for the centennial, the directors, with a few notable exceptiors, proceeded to equat on their haunches and while sway the time doing nothing.

It was repeatedly pointed out by the newspapers that no hope of accomplishing anything was possible until a director general was appointed with power to organize the forces at hand.

Then followed the lapse of months in Then followed the lapse of months in which great names were suggested for his post, while men of smalle

is the ridiculous when a public-spir-ited citizen offered Herbert Honver a cent salary if he would assume

of the enterprise. at this fell through

HAMMER SLAYER SAWS BARS OF HER **CELL AND ESCAPES**

Mrs. Clara Phillips Flees

From Los Angeles

County Jail

DOWN FIRE-ESCAPE

DROPS TO ROOF, THEN

Flight in Motorcar Is Undis-

covered for Several

Hours

10 YEARS TO LIFE SENTENCE

Authorities Believe She Was

Aided by Other Prison

Inmates

By Associated Press

Sheriff by the Jailer. Belief was ex-

pressed that she had been aided by

other inmates. Bars were sawed

through, and after crawling out of the

window she dropped to the roof of an

adjoining building, climbed down the

The escape was not discovered by

jail authorities for several hours. The

matron, in making rounds, saw the bed

n Mrs. Phillips' cell vacant. The ma-

twisted bars and notified the jailer.

The former chorus girl, who three

veeks ago was found guilty of what

Mrs. Phillips was convicted of having beaten Mrs. Meadows to death with a

hammer last July in an isolated part of

Mrs. Meadows' body was found late

in the afternoon of July 12 alongside an unfrequented road on a hillside about two miles from the business cen-ter of Los Angeles. The skull had been

killed Mrs. Meadows at the place where the body was found, and that he had put her on a train for El Paso, Tex. Mrs. Phillips was arrested at Tucson,

Contention of Defense

geles two days later.

was guided by Peggie Caffee.

CHICAGO AUTO DEALER

KILLED RESISTING THIEVES

Police Allege Confession Is Made by

One of Seven Held

Chicago, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—The

solved today, the police announced, by the confession of Lawrence Heffernan,

one of seven persons under arrest, that

the victim was shot and killed in an attempted robbery. Lanus shot one

women were in custody in connection with several fur robberies and the police

admitted they were without a clue in connection with the slaying until, they

say, Julia Hartnett, one of the wome

Los Angeles.

fire-escape and disappeared.



MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS Convicted in hammer murder at Los Angeles, who escaped from the county jail there today by sawing through cell bars and jumping to liberty

Heavy Downfall Breaks Long Drought and Aids Water

The first heavy rain in more than a month brought relief today from one of the longest droughts in years

the Northwest and Plains States occurred today, with zero weather. The cold wave today, with zero weather. The cold wave today at the Weather Bureau.

Not Down to Zero Here

It is not expected.

will go below 32 degrees here, but strong northwesterly winds will add to

the discomfort.
On the coast, much stronger winds are forecast, Storm signals have been ordered hoisted from Delaware Breakwater to New York and along the New England coast north of Boston, Shipping interests have been warned that they may expect gales of unusual indue to a disturbance over Ontario which is moving east rapidly.

The rain here continued throughout last night and well into this morning. followed by warm sunshine, which quickly dried the streets. The city was

horoughly drenched for the first time Crops Are Saved

The drought extended over many sections of the State, and in some localities conditions had become acute. In farming communities the rain today was hailed as saving crops from threat-ened destruction. Many towns had seen their water supply dwindle to almost nothing and were facing serious diffi-culties. Rain is reported from all parts of this State and Ohio, and is moving

The last rainfall here was on Noember 27, but it was so light that the Weather Bureau recorded only 'trace.

In fact, in all of then ten sprinkles in November only .43 of an inch of rain accumulated, a record which has not been exceeded in the last ninety-six

According to the weather observers, and buildings yesterday morning is said to be strong indication of the end of

Tomorrow there will be a return to fair weather, the foremaster says, and colder temperatures will pervail.

MAYOR OF - NOTHING

Author is Elected, but incorporation Plan is Beaten Los Angeles, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)-John S. McGroarty, author and news-paper writer, was a Mayor today, but

of nothing. Tujunga, a settlement in the Verdugo Hills, near here, where he lives, un-able to get help from the Sheriff to curb Saturday on two propositions. One was that Mr. McCircarty be elected Mayor, the other that certain territory become the incorporated town of Tujunga.

Mr. Metiroarty was elected by a large Incorporation failed by a

STERRETT'S WIDOW **GIVES UP HOME AS** MYSTERY REMAINS

Big Vand Take Furniture From **Devón to Auction Rooms** in This City

SHE REFUSES TO TALK OF HUSBAND'S MURDER

Surprised at Query About Woman With Whom Cake Victim Golfed

Mrs. W. W. Sterrett, of Berkley oad. Devon, whose husband died after enting poisoned cake which was received through the mails October 20, has closed her house at Devon and, after a brief visit with friends in Harrisburg. will return to the home of her mother at Clarendon, Pa.

Two big moving vans loaded with her furniture drove into the city this morning and put their burdens down at the door of a Chestnut street auction Los Angeles, Dec. 5 .- Mrs. Clara house. In a few more days the public Phillips climbed out of a window in the will have its chance to bid for the relics Prendergast, of the East Girard avewomen's section of the county jail and of a murder mystery that promises to escaped early today. She was under be listed among the unsolved crimes of of the same station.

to answer questions pertaining to the It was decided to recommend his dis-mystery and her husband's death. Initial land of the land of th

Surprised at Questions

When a question was asked her she would say: "Who told you that?" as if surprised that the information should be known. The fact that she is going to Harrisburg and then to her old home in Clarendon was gleaned from persons in the neighborhood who know her. When Mrs. Sterrett was asked when she expected to leave for Harrisburg or Clarendon she answered. "I didn't say tron then discovered the sawed and was going there," and started up-

prosecuting officials declared to be one of the most brutal murders they have

There's a man down here to see "her mother called up the stairs. Who is it?" answered Mrs. Sterhad to try, effected her liberty with a suddenness equal to that which the rett from the second floor.
"How do I know?" enlied back Mrs. hammer slaying was revealed last July. It is believed she escaped in an auto-Campbell, "Come down and find out."

Moving men were busy in and out of he house. One of the vans already was

loaded outside. Presently Mrs. Ster-rett came downstairs, hands full of papers and olds and ends. The walked into the kitchen with them and stopped in the hall as she came out.

Mrs. Sterrett piled them all to- enty years old.

crushed in several places and the fea-tures mutilated. Nearby was the landle of a hammer, the head of which had been broken off. Close to the victim's head was a large blood-stained rock. was asked if she would not give her rode in the elevator to the trainshed own idea and opinions touching upon the murder of her husband. She said The train was scheduled to leave at

Declines to Speak

staircase and when asked if later she seat. staircase and when asked it later succeed to the staircase and when asked it later succeed to the first way, was summoned and pronounced step, looked around as if to make sure the elergyman dead. Wildiam Reilly, She climbed slowly, and one or two room. From there it was taken to the questions were asked concerning her morgue. future as she mounted the stoirs with that slow and undecided trend. Her mission at the Germantown address for replies were in a voice that sounded about two years. It is not believed as

At the trial which began October 20 Mrs. Phillips' defense was insanity. Her counsel claimed that she was a en she was asked:
"Mrs. Sterrett, did you know the woman your husband visited in Pitts-burgh and who played golf with him

and subject to epileptic conwas declared by defense counsel that the defendant did not wield the hammer which killed Mrs. Meadows, but that Mrs. Phillips' every action Continued on Page Two, Column Three every action

POLICE NIP PLOT TO STEAL The prosecution's case was based on he story of the Caffee woman, who said 1000 BARRELS OF WHISKY

the story of the Cance woman, who said she and Mrs. Phillips rode with Mrs. Meadows to a lonely spot where Mrs. Phillips accused Mrs. Meadows of accepting gifts from the former's husband. Then, it was contended, Mrs. Phillips beat Mrs. Meadows to death with a heavy-section. Camden Man Accused of Assisting Trappist Gang in Baltimore

cial Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Baltimore, Dec. 5 .- Police today nipped what they declared was an at-tempt of a bootleggers' army to steal 1000 barrels of whisky from the plant of the Standard Distilling Company. Held as one of the "army" is Walter M. Vaughn, twenty-six years old, 316 sprea Chestnut street, Camden, N. J. Three nary

mystery surrounding the slaying of Joseph Lanus, wealthy automobile dealer, whose body was found in the rear of his garage November 24, was was near the plant to carry away the whisky. Three watchmen, two of them employed by the Government, were held up by the men, all armed. Police charge that Vaughn and Harry Townsend. thirty-seven years old, who refuses to give his address, took charge of the

gang set about the task of removing e whisky.

Five barrels had been moved to the trucks when the police, having received word that something was likely to come off at the plant, arrived. Because of the darkness it was difficult to round up the entire gang. Many of its mem-bers escaped over a fence in the rear.

When physicians entered the house, however, no trace could be found of the patient. It is thought she slipped

held, made a statement involving Hef-fernan and other members of their ELUDES HOSPITAL AIDES After lengthy questioning, Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes said Hef-Woman, About to Be Committed. Slips From Bedroom Window

ambulance.

robbers fled, however, without any loot, MRS. HARVEY IS BETTER

shot in an attempt to rob him.

fernan admitted that Lanus had been

Ambassador's Wife Not Seriously III With Bronchial Attack

London, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. George Harvey, wife of the American Ambassador, who has been suffering from a bronchial attack, was better today, and the case was believed not to

Pies M. Schwab was then talked ARK YOU LOOKING FOR MELF? PREThe classified columns of the Events and on Page Minutes. Column Three tising under Situating on page M.—Ads.

Dairymen Demand War on Barn Burners

The Interstate Milk Producers Association, meeting in the Hotel Adelphia today, adopted resolutions that the Governor be called upon to take action to stop the barn fires and bring the supposed incendiaries to

3 PATROLMEN FIRED TWO OTHERS FINED

One Man, Witness at Rosier Trial, Blames That Event for Taking Drink

ANOTHER UP SIX TIMES

two were fined for intoxication.

nue statiot, and Bernard J. Donnelly.

a sentence of ten years to life imprisonment after conviction for beating
Mrs. Alberta Meadows to death with a
hammer. She was held in the jail
pending formulation of an appeal.
With the aid of several steel saws
her escape was effected at 2 o'clock this
With her mother, Mrs. Dora CampWith Devon

Bainbridge streets a mount that he stevedores' strike. It was charged the that he had been intoxicated. The hand been absent without leave and that he had been absent without leave and that he had been intoxicated. He denied the latter charge. He has been before the Police Trial Board half a dozen times before, according to his superiors, and at present is working bell, she was busy packing at the Devon superiors, and at present is working house yesterday afternoon. She refused out the last fine assessed against him.

> The third man found guilty, Don-nelly, was charged by his lieutenant with having been intoxicated while on

Bernard O'Donnell, of the Fiftcenth and Locust streets station, was fined twenty days' pay for being intoxicated.
O'Donnell was a witness at the Rosier
murder trial. He said today that his
nerves had been upset by the strain of
the trial and that he had gone first to
St. Mary's Hospital and then to the
Philadelphia Hospital Philadelphia Hospital.

John H. Leeser, Jr., of the Branch-

She were skirt, blouse and sweater. She is of medium build with dark hair for being intoxicated. He got off with and pleasant face, but she is nervous, the light sentence in view of the fact castly excitable, haunted-looking. years and never before was up before the trial board.

MINISTER FALLS DEAD IN READING TERMINAL

Rev. George Anderson Stricken as He Waits to Board Train

The Rev. George Anderson, head of On a windowsill nearby were a broken pipe, a few old pipe cleaners and an ash tray, the only visible evidences that once a man had lived in the Reading Terminal. He was about sev-

Then she hesitated and turned as if Mount Carmel shortly before 10 o'clock, to go back upstairs. At this point she He handed his suitease to a porter and

she was busy and could not be inter- 10:30 o'clock and Mr. Anedrson walked to a bench in the waiting room. He She took another step toward the gasped and slouched forward in the

nothing had been forgotten, and then the station master, took charge of the statted toward the second floor. | Lody and had it removed to the baggage body and had it removed to the

tired. She was half way up the flight was connected with any denomination

QUEBEC CHURCH BURNS

Fifth Catholic Institution Loss From Fire in Few Weeks

Oka. Quebec, Dec. 5.—(By A. P. priest's residence were destroyed fire today. The great monastery of the monks, nearby, was not

is the fifth fire in Catholic institutions in the Dominion in the last

The fire today started in the furnace ley McInturff, a farmer, knows Otis usual, for Congress has before it now a room of the presbytery early this morning. It spread through the building timetely. with great rapidity and the whole structure soon was in flames. A gale spread spatks to the church and semi-The church was valued nary nearby. In dated back to the ear-nt \$150,000. It dated back to the earother men also are under arrest.

Police say the "army" numbered lest times and was erected by the twenty and that a fleet of automobiles

Sulpician Fathers as a mission house for the Indians. fire in 1875 and rebuilt as a modern

LOST IN SANTA HUNT

watchmen while other members of the Francis and Joseph Lacey, 6 and 8. Missing From Home

Francis and Joseph Lacey, six and eight years old, disappeared from their farmer, and Robert Ritchie, a union home, 1831 Pennsylvania avenue, yes-miner, who said: "It it take something The boys were auxious to see more than evidence to remove my ob-Santa Claus and it is believed they jection. city and lost their way.

Their parents believe the children may have been lured away by some person who took a fancy to them. The police are searching for the hove

LAMP BURNS KILL WOMAN

Police with the assistance of neighbors are searching the cicinity of Eighteenth street and Eric avenue for a woman who, clad only in night-clothes, cluded physicians of the Phila-Mrs. Catherine McCabe Found by The purpose was to force the defense Husband Burned and Unconscious to break the ganet and take the lead in Mrs. Catherine McCabe, sixty-two clothes, cluded physicians of the Philadelphin Hospital when they went last night to take her to that institution.

She is Matida Rogers Shields, thirty-five years old, of 3535 North Eighteenth street.

According to police commitment papers had been taken out by the woman's mother and everything was in readiness for the arrival of the hospital ambulance.

Mrs. Catherine McCabe, sixty-two years old, of 715 Tulip street, Frank-ford, died last night in Frankford Hospital after she had been severely burned in her home by an exploding lamp.

Mrs. McCabe was found by her husband when he returned from work lying unconscious on the floor and seriously burned about the body. A broken lamp lay nearby. She died without regaining

BARN GUARDS FIRE ON ARSON SUSPECT DOWNINGTOWN

Negro, With White Man, Flees in Automobile After Dodging Buckshot

STATE POLICE PATROLS NOW WATCHING ALL ROADS

Fire Protection Bureau Force Is Mobilized in Campaign Against Incendiaries

The entire field force of the Bureau f Fire Protection, re-enforced by detachments of State troopers, took up by the Civil Service Trial Board and hendquarters in Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties today, charged The punishments were in line with with the task of capturing the mys-

nn edict sent forth December 1 that in future any patrolman found intoxicated on duty would be severed from his position without delay.

The men dismissed were William J. Cowan, of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station; Thomas

Prendergast, of the East Girard ave-

under control.

showing \$6500 received.

of Breaking the Panel.

Defense Objects

By a Staff Correspondent

of the Evening Public Ledger

today for the Herrin massacre trial with

a last panel of four jurors tentatively

accepted by both sides, but this panel

It comprises three farmers and one

He admits to "opinions" which he

well entered the courtroom and found Lewis examining Melaturif.

"Can you banish to the realms of forgetfulness all these rangers of the killings you've heard about" persisted

Lawyer Lewis.
"If he could he'd be a tool,"

The other two jurors in the

Prosecution Tries Strategy

game which the State learned yester-

And yesterday State's Attorney Duty

twice tendered to the defense panels obviously unacceptable for jury service.

the examination of veniremen.

is called strategy.

The first tender failed for the 8-ate

when the Judge, on his own responsi-bility, excused a farmer veniremar who did not believe he could be a fair juror.

When the State tendered a second clearly incompetent panel, defense again

cution, objected.
"Defense is avoiding the challenge for cause," he said, "and passes the burden to the court. We did not chal-

asked the Court to break the panel. Otis F. Glenn, assisting the prose-

Eight jurors are already chosen,

ped the Judge.

"Still on that jurer yet?" asked the

Cenn brush aside. Lawyer A. C. Lewis, examining yesterday for the defense, challenged M-laturff for cause, but was overruled by Judge Hartwell both times. At 4:30 P. M. Judge Hart.

won't remain intact long.

Marion, Ill., Dec. 5.-Court opened

Continued on Page Two. Column Five coughing.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

FLAMES SWEEP YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

mouth was threatened today by a fire that destroyed the Princess

block and was still burning this afternoon but thought to be

ELECTRIC COST ALLEGHENY REPUBLICANS \$31,653

Allegheny County Republican Committee, today filed an expense

account showing receipts of \$34,570 and expenditures of \$31,-

653.87, leaving a balance of \$2916.13. Of the money received

\$10,500 was sent to the Republican State Committee Mr. Dick

also filed a statement for the Association of Independent Voters

STRATEGY ENLIVENS SCOPE OF MESSAGE

Prosecution Plays Merry Came May Recommend Rail Legisla-

COMMERCE BODY EXPLAINS DELAY SETS PRECEDENT

union miner. Nathan Pendlund, a This is the first time in the union timer. Nathan Pendlund, a of the country that the President has

mits he can set aside. He had a fight on the first or second day of the session.

with the carpenters' under once. Char. Of course, the circumstances are nu-

tion in Order to Offset

Progressive Move

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

not communicated his views to Congress

the confusion and uncertainty that pre-

The recent conference of the Pro-

gressives here increased this pressure

on the President to enlarge his program

particular, Senator Capper, leader of

the farm bloc, has been strongly advis-

fear is expressed that unless something

President the farmers will look to the

Progressive bloc, which has just been organized as the representative of their

Railroads Real Issue

The real issue is the railroads. Shall

act to satisfy the Western demand that

To do so will open up a contentious

subject which will inevitably lend to

give political advantages to the Pro-

gressive lenders in Congress, which may vitally affect the Republican Party in

The gossip is that the President is no longer so favorably inclined toward Senator Watson's advice to make his

message short and sweet as he was a

on including the railroad question on

the agenda before Congress, because the President is hesitating and is some-

times swung a little one way and some-

Continued on Page Two. Column Four

few days ago. It is only gosstp it is difficult to obtain any light

the decision that is likely to be

this law be amended or repealed?

President in his message recom-

changes in the Esch-Cummins

more than rural credits is urged by

that would satisfy the farmers,

ing Mr. Harding to this effect,

interest in Congress.

a special session.

subsidy legislation. But the delay

Washington, Dec. 5. The Presi-

HARRISBURG, Dec. 5 .- William G. Dick, secretary of the

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dan, 5 .- The business section of Yar-

Jollity at Sing Sing; Gloom at Holmesburg

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 5 .- Sing Sing prisoners attended the opening production last night of the "Sing Sing Stock Company," with an allprison cast. A musical comedy, di-rected by M. T. Wyatt, a prisoner,

and censored by Warden Lewis, was chosen for the premier. Four additional performances, at which the public will be admitted, will be given nightly.

MR. WANAMAKER SHOWS STEADY IMPROVEMENT

mistic Bulletin This Morning

John Wanamaker, ill at his city home, 2032 Walnut street, continues to improve. His physicians issued an op- Pleas for Humane Treatment timistic bulletin this morning following one of the same tenor last night. The morning bulletin, issued at 7:30

o'clock, follows: "Mr. Wanamaker was comfortable throughout the night and rested well. His condition continues to improve. "DR, HARVEY SHOEMAKER,

AT HOLMESBURG JAIL; BEATINGS FREQUENT

FOOD FOR KEEPERS USED AS "EXHIBIT"

Officer Who Had Convict Beaten for Whispering Scolded

Merchant's Physicians Issue Opti- THEN HAD BLACKJACK USED

Are Made by Men Who Ad-

tempting to enter the barn. A few minutes later they found an automobile, with lights out, which was occupied by two men, one of whom they believe to have been the intruder. They escaped after a chase.

At the last two of the twenty-six fires in barns, two men were seen to run from the burning buildings to a waiting automobile and speed away.

Armed with shotguns, Mrs. Seeds two sons, Frank and Lewis, took up their watch in the barn about 9 o'clock their watch in the barn about 9 o'clock to coughing.

"DR. HARVEY SHOEMAKER, "DR. ALFRED STENGEL.

"DR. WILLIAM E. QUICKSALL."

The bulletin issued last evening, signed by the same physicians, said:

"The condition of Mr. Wanamaker tors themselves, are deliberately decived when they make visits of inspection to the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg, according to from a cold, and was weakened by Cusano.

Cusano was sentenced to eighteen

months in this prison on February 16 last. He served five months before he was paroled as the result of

prison in the morning," Cusano said, "the bountiful meal to be eaten by the keepers at 11:30 is shown them. 'See what our prisoners eat,' jail attaches say, and the visitors go away praising the prison and its officials, while 500 half-starved men drink burnt rye and eat dry bread

to warn of the arrival of Dr. Joseph M, Reeves, president of the Board of Prison Inspectors, is sounded to tell the keepers in the rotunda that company is on its way to the prison to look around.

A "Reception Committee," usually a couple of well-tailored keepers always takes the visitors in tow and shows them the "sights," but never is any one, unless he is an inspector, allowed to stop and talk with any of the convicts.

"Censors Always on Hand"

Any complaint the prisoners have must be put in writing, and, under the

derstood that he is not complaining now for the purpose of revenge. "While I was at the prison," he said,
"I fared much better than the majority
of the men, for I am a barber, and I
was in much demand by the keepers. oppright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company dent's message will probably not go to For my services I go more freedom than Congress before Friday. The question the others and occasionally received of how broad it shall be was discussed small handfuls of tebacco, which I would trade to the cook for better food.

Men Are Not Helped "Despite the additional favors shown me, the treatment was more than I could stand, and though I went in at the age of twenty-seven, I came feeling and looking as though twenty rears and been added.

To preserve discipline it is not necessary to make animals of the men. You are taught at that prison not repentance for any cruze you may have committed, but rather to be a criminal, and to feel that you are a debased and

try and I like at I don't blame the country for that pail. But I blame the management that allows such a conditien in a civilized country. ditions exist. Something ought to be done when men, criminals perhaps, but men for all that, are beaten and starved

with a large rotunda in the center. The keepers sit in a circle in the center the length of a block. At the slightest sign of noise or disturbance or in-fringement of the rules of any king,

not hesitate to use.
"I know of one case in particusar. Negro had been singing one Sunday evening to entertain some of the men supper. Only one was on guard and he reported it to the captain. The captain sent three of the strongest and roughest of the guards to the cell. They beat the prisoner with their clubs. eaving open wounds two or three inches

Man Beaten Again

Be YOU WANT A JOH? THERE ARE prison at the time, and the captain, assenty of them advertised in the Help companying the visitor to the scene of

Appear

Bell Gives Warning When

Officials Are to

Guards in Public

AGAIN AS "VISIT" ENDED

mit Breach of Laws

This is the third of a series of ar-ticles describing conditions in the Philadelphia County Prison, at Holmes-burg. The fourth article will appear

efforts by his brother Augustus. "When official visitors go to the

in their cells." Three bells, the same signal used

If a visitor musters up courage enough o address one of the convicts, there is always a keeper close enough to see that any answer made is just as it should be, providing it is not in the HERRIN JURY HUNT PUZZLES HARDING form of a complaint. The convicts are fully aware of the punishment that is metal out to any one who dares commeted out to any one who dares complain of ill treatment.

> rules, it is supposed to be passed on to the Visiting Committee of the inspec-The convict must not complain verbally. And convicts who have com-plained in writing about ill treatment say their letters never reach the inspectors, or, if they did, no action was ever taken.

(Tobacco in any form is forbidden the

and make recommendations to Congress (degraded man. was born in Italy in Naples-

> "Something is wrong when such conas I was and as I have seen others at the County Prison.

> "The prison is laid out in blocks the retands, each with an eye down they descend upon the guilty one with clubs and blackjacks, which they do

> long on the top of his head and shout-ders that had to be sewed up by the prison doctor.

"An inspector happened to visit the

INSPECTION A FARCE